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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Will the Government enlighten the House as to whether they have adopted any preparatory measures to implement their decision to extend this reform to Malabar by 1st July 1954? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Certainly, Sir. We have started work."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister enlighten the House as to when the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive would be complete in the whole State of Madras? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is about Malabar. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" As early as possible, Sir."

Enquiry into the condition of workers in the Beedi industry.

* 67 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state why Government did not invite any labour representative from Malabar to the Tripartite Conference called by the Government recently at Madras to enquire into the condition of beedi workers and the beedi industry in this State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member presumably refers to the conference held on 22nd June 1953 for discussing the grievances of beedi workers in general. It was mainly a conference convened privately in the City of the branch managers of the beedi factories and hence only three labour leaders from the Madras City were invited to it."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" ബീഡി ഫാക്ടറി ബ്രാഞ്ചു മാനേജർമാരുടെ പ്രശ്നം മദ്രാസ് സംസ്ഥാനത്തു മുഴുവൻ ബാധിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പ്രശ്നമാണെന്നിരിക്കെ മലബാറിലെ ട്രേഡ് യൂനിയൻ പ്രതിനിധികളെക്കൂടി ക്ഷണിക്കാതിരിക്കാൻ കാരണമെന്താണ് ? മലബാറിൽനിന്നു ഒരു പ്രതിനിധിയെക്കൂടെ ക്ഷണിക്കാൻ ബഹു : മന്ത്രിക്കു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" When we convene a conference of all the Branch Managers and all the labour unions of the State, certainly we shall not overlook Malabar's claim."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Is it not a fact that the conference was convened mainly for the purpose of trying to persuade employers to implement the award existing at present? Will the Government give an assurance that they would take action against those employers who have not paid the minimum wages prescribed in the award relating to the beedi industry? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" That was not the purpose of this conference. The purpose of this conference was to find out

(1) whether work could be provided for workers on more days than at present;

(2) whether work could be started in the factories and the Branch Managers asked to take over the responsibility of treating the labour under favourable conditions."

SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI :—" Has this enquiry been completed and finalised and if not, how long will it take to complete the same? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The hon. Member is himself aware of how the negotiations have proceeded and how I am not satisfied with the progress so far attained."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்த மகாநாட்டில் திருப்திகரமான முடிவுகள் எற்டட முடியவில்லை என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அறிவாரா ? ஆகவே இந்த பிரச்னையைப் பற்றி மீண்டும் ஆராய்ச்சி செய்து முடிவு காண்பதற்கு முக்கூட்டுக் கமிட்டி ஏற்படுத்துவார்களா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, I have not lost all hope yet. What I said was that I was not satisfied with the result of the preliminary negotiations and that they had not been very fruitful. I am still pursuing the matter and I do hope that some kind of amicable settlement would be arrived at soon."

SRI K. M. SEETHI :—" May I know whether the Government have made any enquiry into the complaints received so far from the beedi workers of Malabar regarding the widespread unemployment prevalent among them and the non-payment of the minimum wages prescribed for the beedi workers under the Act by their employees? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The question of unemployment among beedi workers is not peculiar to Malabar alone, Sir. As a matter of fact it is prevalent in many parts of the State. This conference was limited only to the City of Madras. We thought first of all of doing something to the limited area of Madras. If we achieve good results and if the negotiations turn out to be fruitful, we shall try to extend it to other parts of the State."

Inclusion of certain areas of Elayavur amsam, Chirakkal taluk, in the Cannanore Municipality.

* 68 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government received a petition, dated 10th July 1953, signed by 825 people from Elayavur amsam in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, protesting against the proposed inclusion of certain portions of the amsam